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TROOPSHIP MOLDAVIA, CARRYING U. S. SOLDIERS, TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Although It Was a Moonlight Night, the Submarine Was Not Sighted Before the Torpedo Struck

56 OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS ON BOARD MISSING

It Is Feared That the Americans Were Killed in One Compartment by the Explosion—There Were No Casualties Among the Crew—Most of the Men Aboard Were in Their Hammocks When the Explosion Occurred Amidships—Neither the Soldiers Nor the Sailors Showed Panic—Moldavia, a British Armed Mercantile Cruiser, Is the Third Transport Carrying American Troops to Be Torpedoed.

London, May 24.—The British armed merchant troopship Moldavia, with American troops on board, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official bulletin issued by the admiralty this evening.

The text of the admiralty statement follows: "The armed merchant cruiser Moldavia was torpedoed and sunk yesterday morning. There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops on board 56 up to the present have been unaccounted for. It is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion. The Moldavia was torpedoed without warning. It was a moonlight night and although a good lookout was kept, the attacking submarine was not sighted before the torpedo struck. Most of the men aboard were in their hammocks when the explosion occurred amidships. The sailors and soldiers alike showed some of the laddest of the different naval ports where they were taken.

They fell into the calmly and awaited orders. When it was seen that the Moldavia was settling down all on board were taken off by the escorts ships. The men lost all of their belongings, but were supplied with new clothing at the different naval ports where they were taken. It is believed the American soldiers missing from the Moldavia were sleeping on the bottom deck and were overtaken by the great inrush of water after the explosion, when they were trying to reach the main deck. It also is believed some of the soldiers were destroyed.

The vessel was struck below the bridge. She steamed ahead for some time after being struck and at first it was hoped that her watertight compartments would enable her to reach port. Story of Seaman.

London, May 24.—Survivors agree that the Moldavia was torpedoed and not mined. One seaman said: "We were proceeding up the channel bound for an English port early Thursday morning. The weather was fine and there was no wind. We felt an explosion amidships. The ship had been struck just below the bridge but we could see no submarine.

"There were some destroyers conveying us and they at once scattered around in search of the submarine. Only one torpedo was fired. "When it was realized that we should have to abandon the vessel, the

MUTINY BREAKS OUT IN GERMAN DIVISION AT DVINSK Fifty Men Executed and 1,000 Imprisoned, State Department Hears by Russian Wireless.

Washington, May 24.—A German division at Dvinsk, Russia, ordered from the east to the western front, refused to proceed, and the German command executed and one thousand imprisoned, said a Russian wireless dispatch today to the state department. Other German troops in the vicinity held demonstrations in favor of the division.

From the same source reports were received that the sixteenth German regiment, and others, enroute from the east to the western front, held demonstrations against the continuation of the war.

Complaints against the action of the German authorities in various places in Russia, transmitted to Moscow by the German government, are outlined in the dispatch, say that armed German merchant vessels had been sent to bombard Black Sea towns, that Russian fishing boats had been sunk, and that a Russian steamer carrying passengers had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the Black Sea, and another protest against confiscation of Russian property by Germany in Finland.

DUTCH CAPTAIN KILLED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE Official at Inquiry Says German Brutality Is Past Endurance.

Amsterdam, May 24, via Ottawa.—Giving testimony before the shipping council, which is inquiring into the sinking of the Dutch steamer Catharina, the mate of the vessel stated that when the submarine crew heard that one of their shots had killed the captain they laughed. The Dutch shipping inspector, presiding at the inquiry, characterized this as inexcusable. The Germans, he said, were setting with increasing brutality against small vessels. They no longer fired warning shots; indeed, he said they shot people dead without hesitation. This, added the inspector, was beyond all endurance.

Costa Rica Declares War on the Central Powers.

Germans Made Raid on British Lines

TO THE SOUTH OF ARRAS, AT BUCQUOY

CAPTURED PRISONERS

Remarkable Aerial Activity Continues, With Both Sides Engaged in Air Fighting and Bombing Operations.

DEMOCRATIC CELEBRATION OF JULY FOURTH THIS YEAR

President Wilson Calls Upon Natives to Join With Foreign Born.

Washington, May 24.—Native Americans were called upon by President Wilson tonight to join with the foreign-born of the United States in a celebration on the Fourth of July of this year, the birth of a new and greater spirit of democracy.

Committees representing national organizations of nearly every element of the foreign-born population recently sent the president a petition announcing plans for a great demonstration on the Fourth of July of loyalty to the United States and the cause for which it is fighting, and asking the entire country to join with them. The president tonight made public this petition, and said: "Our Citizens of Foreign Extraction: "I have read with great sympathy the petition addressed to me by your representative bodies regarding the proposed celebration of Independence Day, and I wish to convey to you, in reply, my heartfelt appreciation for its expressions of loyalty and good will. Nothing in this war has been more gratifying than the manner in which our foreign-born, fellow citizens, and their sons and daughters of the foreign-born, have risen to this greatest of all national emergencies. You have shown where you stand not only by your eager response to calls for patriotic service, including the supreme service of offering life itself in battle for justice, freedom and democracy, but also by the way in which you have shown all distinctions of race vanish and we feel ourselves citizens in a republic of free spirits. "I therefore call upon you in calling your petition, with my hearty commendation, to the attention of all my fellow countrymen, and I ask that they unite with you in making the Independence Day this year when all the principles to which we stand pledged, are on trial, the most significant in our national history."

TRYING TO CUT A WAY OUT AT ZEEBRUGGE

German Efforts to Overcome British Obstructions.

London, May 24.—Having failed in attempts to blow up the two concrete bridges over the canal in the entrance to the Bruges canal at Zeebrugge, the Germans are now engaged in cutting away the piers in an attempt to outflank the obstruction. Photographs taken three days ago by British naval aviators show this, and they also show the damage to the canal entrance has been blocked. The Germans have attempted the expedient of removing the piers on the west side of the canal in order to make the entrance channel for torpedo craft and other vessels larger than submarines to pass out to sea.

The photographs, which have been viewed at the admiralty by the Associated Press, also show that German craft in the canal are headed westward, in accordance to the admiralty, that they are evidently trying to pass out by way of Ostend, where the canal entrance is not blocked as completely as at Zeebrugge. It is doubtful, however, if there is enough water at the Ostend outlet for even the smaller boats to get to sea. Photographs also show that the water at Ostend varies, a depth of as low as four feet being recorded.

NEW HAVEN HAD BIG CELEBRATION ITALY DAY

Thousands Marched in the Parade and Thousands Lined the Streets.

New Haven, Conn., May 24.—Italy Day was celebrated here today and tonight by speeches, a large parade and by the presentation of a stand of Italian colors to the Yale Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Thousands marched in the parade early this evening, more thousands lined the streets to view it and then went to the central green, where Italy's plucky fighting was lauded by several speakers. In the afternoon on the central green the Yale men drilled and then received from S. Z. Z. the flag of Italy. They now have been presented with the colors of the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy, the major nations fighting the Central powers.

TWO PICRIC ACID PLANTS TO COST ABOUT \$11,000,000

Have Been Contracted For by the War Department.

Washington, May 24.—The war department announced tonight that contracts had been let by the ordnance department for the establishment of two picric acid plants, one to cost \$7,000,000 and be located at Brunswick, Ga., and the other to cost about \$4,000,000, to be located at Little Rock, Ark.

FLIGHT OF MISS STINSON IS FURTHER DELAYED

She Hopes to Resume Her Air Trip to New York Today.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 24.—After working all day with mechanics sent from Elmira, Miss Katherine Stinson, who smashed two American records in her flight yesterday from Chicago had not entirely completed repairs to her machine, which was damaged in making a landing near the city. Engine trouble developed on tests today due primarily to mud which worked its way into the mechanism when the nose of the machine hit the muddy field.

The broken right wing was repaired during the night and a new propeller was fitted. Miss Stinson hopes to be able to resume her flight to New York tomorrow.

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT FOR MEN 40 TO 55

Is Proposed in Bill Sent to Congress by Secretary Baker.

Washington, May 24.—Another move toward full utilization of the country's man power was made today when Secretary Baker sent to congress a bill proposing to raise the maximum age limit for voluntary enlistment in the army from 40 to 55 years. All men over 40 so enlisted would be assigned to non-combatant service.

In a letter to Speaker Clark asking that the bill be pushed, Secretary Baker said there probably are 7,500,000 men between the ages of 40 and 55, and many of these are already attracted by their desire to serve by volunteering in the department with applications.

JOEL R. HOUGH.

Wallington, Conn., May 24.—Joel R. Hough, who was a representative in the state legislature of 1895, is dead at his home as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was 76 years old, a veteran of the Civil war and a charter member of the Orange here. A widow and a daughter survive.

Trolley Men to Take Wage Vote Today

HAVE ASKED 38 TO 45 CENTS AN HOUR

HAVE BALLOTTED ONCE

Connecticut Company Has Offered 34 to 40 Cents—A Compromise Is Now Thought to Be Possible.

New Haven, Conn., May 24.—The result of the statewide vote of the trolley men employed on the Connecticut Company lines was made known tonight by Hugh Carlin, president of the union here, to John K. Penderford, general superintendent of the system. Otherwise the result of the ballot was not revealed. The men had asked for 38 to 45 cents an hour and the corporation had offered 34 to 40 cents an hour and the ballot was up on the acceptance of the company figures. While not officially stated, it is understood that the vote was "no" by a considerable majority.

After a conference between Superintendent Penderford and fifteen men representing the men, headed by both sides, this compromise was announced that no agreement had been reached.

William Mosses, in London, became the British riveting champion by driving 4,900 rivets in seven hours and 50 minutes.

Attorney-General Gregory ordered district attorneys to indict slacker who leave the country to escape military service.

Friend of Major-General Leonard Wood in the army predicts that he will soon be in foreign service as a corps commander.

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A commission from Denmark is on its way to Washington to negotiate for the ratification of Denmark and the release of Danish ships.

Purchase of war supplies in Russia is under consideration at Washington to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Germans.

Food Administrator Hoover announced that arrangements are being made to ship 30,000 tons of supplies in the next ninety days.

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Senator Commins introduced a resolution providing for the pooling of all allied shipping after the war for return of troops and materials to home countries.

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Two steamships with ninety passengers arrived at Petrograd from Stockholm, opening water traffic between the two cities which has been closed since the war began.

A delegation of four will submit plans to President Wilson for the sending of 200,000 Russians under Kerensky back to Russia to fight Germany and re-establish the Kerensky regime.

Stockholm papers announced that Great Britain has informed the Finnish Government that any measures directed against the Mourmansk Railway would be a breach of neutrality.

Lieut. Georges Flachaire, a French aviator landed in Bifala, N. Y., shortly before 8 o'clock last night, completing a flight from Pittsburgh which he started in the morning. He made only one stop at Oil City, Pa.

A new Dutch note to the United States from Holland declares that the Allies not Germany are responsible for the Dutch food shortage as Germany has provided safe passage for Dutch ships.

Ensign W. W. Lovell of Brooklyn, N. Y., of the Navy; French Bernard F. Stiver, of Everett, Wash., and Water Tender Charles R. Moore, of Somerset, Pa., were lost in the sinking of the American steamer William Rockefeller, recently torpedoed in the zone.

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL FIGHT ON ITALIAN FRONT

Secretary Baker So Announced in Address in New York Last Night.

New York, May 24.—Secretary of War Baker tonight in an address here tonight in celebration of Italy Day that American infantry, American machine gun units and American artillery soon would be fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Italians on their front.

At the close of the meeting a group of young Italians presented a letter to Secretary Baker an American flag which he announced he would place personally "in the hands of the flag bearer of the first military contingent of the United States which leaves to join the Italian army on the Italian front."

In referring to the intentions of the United States government to send part of its fighting forces to Italy, Mr. Baker said there was already in Italy representatives of America.

IN AGREEMENT ON ALL FISHING QUESTIONS

Members of the Joint American Canadian Fisheries Commission.

New York, May 24.—Members of the Joint American Canadian fisheries commission, after holding extended hearings on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in both countries, have found themselves in substantial agreement with all questions, with only details of operation remaining to be settled.

Condensed Telegrams

April consumption of wool was 70,500,000.

The Central Powers claim to hold 3,757,000 prisoners.

The compact between China and Japan is favored by Britain.

A heavy earthquake was recorded at Washington. The point was not given.

The House passed the emergency food bill, containing the Randall prohibition rider.

The interest on Austrian debt to Germany will amount to \$70,000,000 annually after the war.

Seven aldermen of Paterson, N. J., were arrested on an indictment charging malfeasance in office.

Lieut. Bonsal made a record trip from Philadelphia to Washington in 2 hours and 15 minutes, with mail.

Louis W. Meeker, for 20 years president of the Eastern District Savings Bank of Brooklyn, died at his home.

Hague dispatches state that August Phillips, Dutch Minister to America, has asked that he be relieved of his post.

Mrs. Emily Ricketts, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, famous Irish leader, died in the workhouse of Dublin.

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RED CROSS MERCY FUND NOW \$86,689,000

The Rockefeller Foundation Contributed \$3,000,000

Yesterday

ATLANTIC DIVISION GOES "OVER THE TOP"

Yesterday's Collections of \$22,000,000 Were Aided by Wave of Indignation Caused by the News of Latest Hospital Bombing Exploits of the Germans in France—Officials Grow Increasingly Confident of an Immense Overseas Subscription to the Fund.

Washington, May 24.—Red Cross subscriptions today took the second war fund \$22,000,000 closer to its goal of \$100,000,000, and the total subscribed at national headquarters tonight was \$86,689,000.

Reports told how a wave of indignation, sweeping across the nation with the news of latest hospital bombing exploits of the Germans in France, had played a great part in making the day the most successful in the campaign, and officials count even more confidently now upon an immense overseas subscription to the fund.

Greater New York, with \$23,222,723 pledged, came close to its quota of \$25,000,000.

Subscriptions by divisions announced tonight included:

Atlantic, including Greater New York \$23,111,907; New England \$4,001,000; Pennsylvania \$5,500,000; Potomac \$2,005,000.

ATLANTIC DIVISION WENT OVER THE TOP LAST NIGHT

New York City Is the Only Sub-Division Which Has Not Reached Its Allotment.

New York, May 24.—The Atlantic division of the Red Cross went over the top tonight with contributions already reported exceeding its quota of \$25,000,000.

The division's grand total up to tonight was \$25,569,291, divided as follows:

New York City, \$23,550,111; New York State (outside city) \$3,964,341; New Jersey, \$3,342,839; Connecticut, \$2,413,515.

New York City is the only sub-division which has not reached its allotment and the thousands of workers here were confident that its quota of \$25,000,000 not only would be reached but far exceeded when they figures are announced at the end of the campaign.

The total subscriptions for the day in the city were \$7,555,575.

45 Chapters "Over the Top."

Forty-five chapters, it was announced, have gone "over the top." The chapters in New Jersey reported that they have voluntarily increased their allotment from \$300,000 to \$600,000, of which \$467,000 is now pledged.

Waterbury, Conn., has exceeded its quota by \$111,000. Barnardville, N. J., by \$45,000. Bridgeport, Conn., by \$25,000. Elizabeth, N. J., by \$20,000 and Ramapo, N. Y., by \$20,000.

The twelve leading towns today are: Hartford, \$469,733; Waterbury, \$461,293; New Haven, \$357,284; New Britain, \$183,303; Bristol, \$142,500; Naugatuck, \$137,000; Meriden, \$134,000; Wallingford, \$121,000; Putnam, \$104,444; Rockville, \$121,815; Westport, \$69,994; Wallingford, \$25,000; Taft, \$25,000.

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